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SUBJECT: SALE OF LOCKHEED TANKER AIRCRAFT TO ARGENTINA

1. AS A RESULT OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL CONTROVERSY, THE DEPARTMENT WITHHELD ACTION ON THE SALE OF TWO LOCKHEED TANKER AIRCRAFT TO ARGENTINA. WHILE THESE AIRCRAFT ARE EXPECTED TO BE USED APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE TIME IN ANTARCTICA AND HAVE IMPORTANT SEARCH AND RESCUE FEATURES, WE DECIDED TO ACT CAUTIOUSLY IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT THE BEAGLE CHANNEL CONTROVERSY BECAME MORE SERIOUS.

2. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE BEAGLE ISSUE HAS QUIETED DOWN AND WILL BE A MATTER FOR ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN NEGOTIATORS TO RESOLVE DIPLOMATICALLY. IT, THEREFORE, APPEARS THAT
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THE GROUNDS FOR HOLDING UP THE KC-130 SALE NO LONGER EXIST. BEFORE MOVING AHEAD ON THIS SALE, WHICH REQUIRES CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER ADDRESSEES AGREE THAT BEAGLE QUESTION IS NO LONGER GROUNDS FOR INACTION. VANCE

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